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USED FOR NETWORK PROTECTION OPERATION  
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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 31, 2007, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on October 31, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**No Amendments to the Specification** are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**No Amendments to the Drawings** are presented in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.